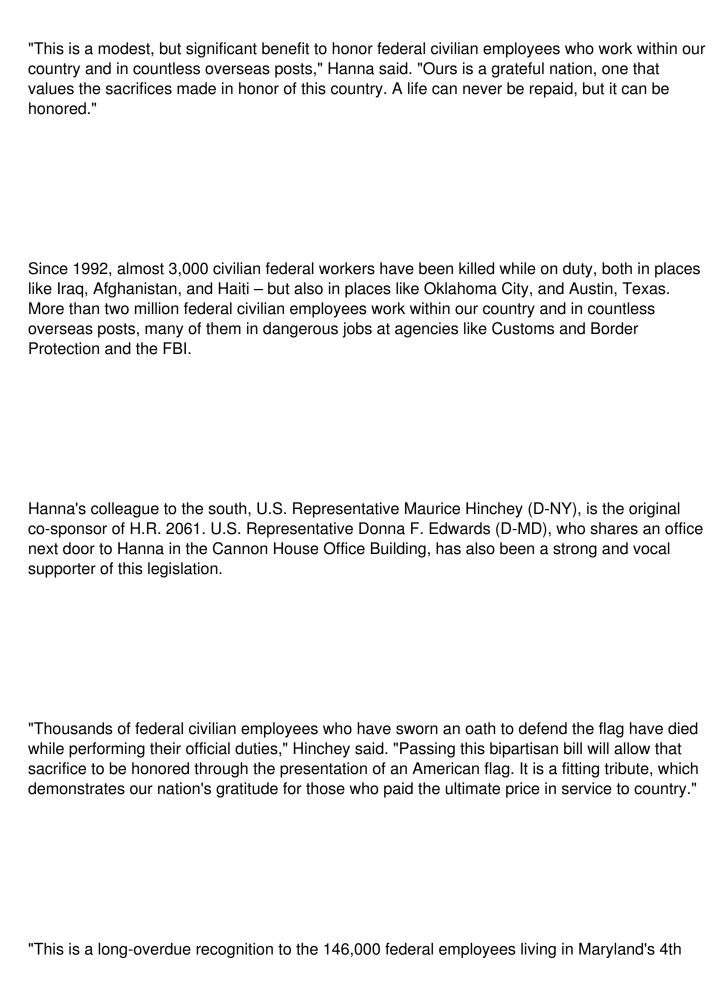
| Legislation to honor civilians killed in the line of duty passes 425-0 |
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| WASHINGTON, D.C. – Federal employees killed in the line of duty will now be honored with a flag presented to their next of kin. |
| The House of Representatives today, by a vote of 425-0 , passed H.R. 2061 the Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011 . The legislation allows the United States to present a flag to the family of a federal civilian employee who is killed on the job as a result of a criminal act, terrorism, natural disaster, or an extraordinary event as determined by the President. |
| U.S. Representative Richard Hanna (R-NY) sponsored the bill, which is supported by a wide array of groups and individuals including civil service organizations, former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and the American Legion. Rep. Hanna worked with the Legion to act on some concerns it raised regarding language in the bill and differentiating between military and civilian service. |



Congressional District, many of whom place their life on the line every single day," Edwards said. "When Federal Civilian Servants take the oath of office they solemnly swear to 'defend the Constitution of the United States from enemies, both foreign and domestic.' I want to thank Congressman Hanna for his efforts and commend the passage of this legislation. The Civilian Service Recognition Act recognizes that civilian federal employees are often placed in harm's way and that our country honors sacrifices made in its service and defense."

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